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Sonoma State University Professor Selected for Prestigious Fellowship
Dr. John P. Sullins selected for 2022-2023 CPaCE Faculty Fellows Program

Rohnert Park, CA. Sonoma State University (SSU) announced June 20, 2023 that the California State University (CSU) Commission on Professional and Continuing Education (CPaCE) has selected Dr. John P. Sullins as a Faculty Practitioner participant in the 2022-2023 PaCE Fellows Program. Dr. Sullins, a professor in SSU's philosophy department, has also been a committed faculty member with the School of Extended and International Education (SEIE) for 20 years, both as a regular instructor and as an innovator in hybrid and online instruction.

As part of the PaCE Faculty Fellows Program, Dr. Sullins will spend one year engaging in career development activities based on an individual growth plan he provided as part of his application package. The Office of the Chancellor has provided \$7,000 in support funds to SEIE for use by Dr. Sullins to cover the cost of participation. He plans to attend conferences, collaborate with international colleagues, and further develop his expertise in artificial intelligence (AI). He will be leading a workshop on the role of consciousness in artificial moral reasoning. He will also be presenting original scholarship that tackles debates about libertarianism and democracy in the AI world and addresses the legal and ethical issues of AI technology. In light of the latest advancements in the AI world, including ChatGPT, Dr. Sullins' fellowship will be very timely for the university and is aligned with the key interests of students in SEIE, including the Osher Lifelong Learning (OLLI) community and students from around the world engaged in its professional development and degree-completion programming.

According to Dr. Erika Beck, Chair of the Commission on Professional and Continuing Education (CPaCE) Awards and Recognition Committee (ARC) Community of Practice (CoP), the committee "was highly impressed by [Dr. Sullins'] breadth and depth of expertise with adult learner populations and programs, experience in self-support program development and pedagogy, stature as an emerging leader, and service excellence to students."

About Sonoma State University

Sonoma State is a regionally serving public university committed to educational access and excellence. Guided by our core values and driven by a commitment to the liberal arts and sciences, Sonoma State delivers high-quality education through innovative programs that leverage the economic, cultural, and natural resources of the North Bay.

About the School of Extended & International Education

The School of Extended and International Education (SEIE) serves diverse learners by providing regional and global access to Sonoma State University. SEIE's mission is to support Sonoma State University by encouraging lifelong learning for traditional and non-traditional student populations, building and promoting a diverse array of programs serving current and prospective students, North Bay residents, regional employers, global audiences, and academic partners.

About the California State University's Commission on Professional and Continuing Education

The California State University's Commission on Professional and Continuing Education (CPaCE) was established by the Trustees, serves as an advisory group to the Chancellor, and speaks to the issues and opportunities facing the professional and continuing education program units at each of the campuses. The commission advises the Chancellor on policy, financial, and programming aspects of professional and continuing education.

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